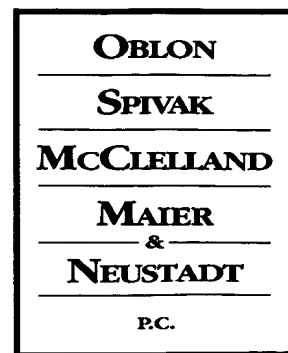




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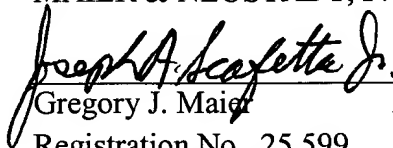
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The Examiner's reasons for allowance (provided in the "Examiner's Amendment") included in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) mailed July 14, 2004, is apparently directed to the subject matter of independent Claims 15, 24 and 33. However, the reasons for allowance improperly describe the subject matter recited in Claim 33.

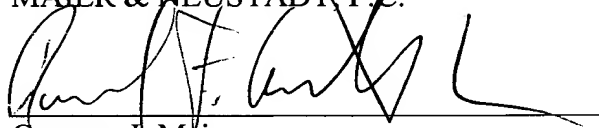
The reasons for allowance state that the prior art fails to teach or suggest a plurality of refractive, non-conductive oxide or nitride layers between an absorber layer and a window electrode. However, allowed independent Claim 33 recites "at least one of said plurality of refractive layers composed of non-conductive oxide or nitride..." Therefore, the Examiner's

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Reasons for Allowance appear to be directed to Claims 15 and 24, but inaccurately describe the subject matter recited in independent Claim 33.

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